THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police had received four complaints in connection with the recent recruitment of Constables. All these complaints were assigned to vigilance inquiry which has since been completed in two cases. While in one case the inquiry *prima facie* established the allegations against one police official who, however, passed away before any disciplinary action could be taken against him, it was in the other case revealed that an unidentified person had *prima facie* committed an offence outside the territorial jurisdiction of Delhi Police. It has been decided to refer the latter case to the State Police concerned.

Loss of life and property due to floods and land sliding in Himachal Pradesh

†2135. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loss of life and property due to floods and land-sliding in Himachal Pradesh during the year 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(b) whether Government have taken any step to prevent the recurrence of such tragedy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The year-wise details as reported by the State Government are as under:—

(Rs. In crore)

Year	Loss of Human lives	loss of Cattle	In term of Money
1999-2000	39	700	249.13
2000-2001	153	1730	640.11
2001-2002	45	373	57.44
Total	237	2803	946.68

(b) Due to its geographical location, Himachal Pradesh is prone to natural disasters and suffers losses to life, property and infrastructure

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etc., depending upon the magnitude & intensity of the disasters. The State Government are primarily responsible for management of natural disaster and are advised from time to time to take preventive measures and be in the state of preparedness to reduce the impact of disasters and consequential losses.

Menace of robbers in Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh

†2136. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menace of robbers in various districts in Chambal region in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of incidents of kidnapping, murder and robbery by various gangs of robbers during the last five years; and

(c) whether Government have provided any special assistance to the State Government for tackling the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMY): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have reported that they are aware of the menace.

(b) Information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard is given at Statement (*See* below).

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per Entry 1 and 2 of List 2 of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and it is, therfore, the primary responsibility of the State Government to tackle the problem. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have been operating a Non-plan Scheme for Modernisation of the State Police Forces since 1969-70 under which assistance is given to the States on a cost sharing basis. The items included in the Scheme are weaponry, communication equipment, security equipment vehicles etc. The Central annual allocation under the Scheme was enhanced to Rs. 1000 crore in 2000-01, which was Rs. 50 crore till 1998-99 and Rs. 200 crore in 1999-2000. The annual Central allocation in respect of the State of Madhya Pradesh was fixed at Rs. 53 crore since 2000-01. During the years 2000-01 and 2001-02, the annual plans approved under the Scheme for Government of Madhya Pradesh were Rs. 108.97 crore and 106.00 crore respectively and the Central Share to the tune of Rs, 54.49 crore and Rs. 53.00 crore were

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